HITS TIGER.

He Says Tammany Could Not Be Trusted to Tax Franchises.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 18.-Frank H. att to-day publicly stated before the te Board of Tax Commissioners that the power to fax corporation franchises reposed in it because the Recan Legislature of 1899 would not ust the Tammany Hall Board of Aso tax the value of franchises sted by corporations in New York

"were given the power to fix the valuations because certain local boards of assessors could not be trimted. This no secret. I might as well state it

The Legislature would not pass the Franchise Tax bill if the assessing of franchises in New York City was to be aced in the hands of the Tammany Hall Board of Assessors.

The Republicans feared that Tamwould use the power given to it as a club to hold up corporations. The rislature would not stand for any Mr. Platt made the above statement

ing an argument in behalf of the isted Gas Company, which dewhich has been placed on its and which is an increase from

"STEEPLE BOB'S" FEAT.

ated the Flagpole on Top of the Culitaer Building During a Dangerous Breeze.



"STEEPLE BOB" ork on the Pulitzer Building's Plagstaff.

Crowds gathered in City Hall Park this "Steeple Bob." climb the lofty flag pole crowning the gilded dome of the

Merrill made the dangerous ascent b the daring climber would fall. pole at the top is 350 feet abov the ground and only five inches in diter. The feat requires iron perves.

ds, an accident would mean a te Merrill painted the pole and put in new set of halyards

STEEL MEN AT ODDS.

Closing Down of Mills Declared Big Mistake-May Be Reopened.

Wall street heard to-day that the wir departments of the mills of the American Steel and Wire Company in Pittstaneously it was stated that a meeting was held at the company's office in this exchanged and measures

ld talk, but the assertion was freely tile, and that a big row was brewing tumors of an investigation by the sek Exchange officials concerning tries of stock jobbing in Steel could

The Cotton Market.

April, 9.47 to 9.49; May, 9.47 to 9.48; 9.43 to 9.44; July, 9.43 to 9.44; Aug-124 to 9.25; September, 8.43 to 8.44; December, 7.8 to 7.9: January, to 1.0: Peoruary, 50 to 8.00: March, 18.00: Market quiet at 3 gready.

PLATT'S SON MRS.HOWARDGOULD STRIKERS HOLDING OUT;

IN COURT TESTIFIES ABOUT "HORRID WAIST!"



home at \$24 Fifth avenue with the suit of Mirabella, the modiste, who \$85 for "a blue panne waist, with Russian lace," which the wife of the millionaire declares did not fit, and which she did not accept.

prother, Louis A. Duhain. While Mrs. Gould was prompt, Mirabella was late, much to the disgust of Justice Steiner. hould dance attendance on her." sarked Mr. Hummel.

MRS. GOULD IMPATIENT.

Meanwhile Mrs. Gould was waiting black hat with black ostrich plumes and a black veil spangled with gold. skirt. Her hands were gloved in white

It was eighteen minutes to 11 before
Mirabella at last apeared. She is a white-gloved hand. leasant-faced blonde and wears her air pompadour. She was represented asked Mr. Hummel. Lawyer L. Laski. Mrs. Gould apcared, attended by two mains, who Gould smiling. ad come downtown in the cars.

Mirabella, "and she asked me to send

FACED MIRABELLA.

stonily as she gave her testimony. It is seemed that the white and blue waists were becoming hopelessly tangled and one wondered which was which. During a passage between the lawyers Mirabella raised her eyes and voice and cried:

"I only want justice! I have been in business for ten years and never had to go through anything like this. It is new to me."

Mrs. Gould gave her a withering look.

"I sent a diter on a withering look."

"Are you an expert on dresses."

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"I have purchased many."

"How did you know it did not fit in the back? Could you see around there."

"No, indeed." Mrs. Gould gave her a withering look.

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"I will show it did not fit in the close the tone of the market was uncertain. The Steel & Wire stocks were offered down to the lowest of the was uncertain. The Steel & Wire stocks were offered down to the lowest of the day in the late dealings, the common hour Sugar touched it? and then reacted. The undertone of the market was ulirm.

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Q. Did you was the same clothese each time you were fitted? A Yes.

Q. Are you sure? A Yes; approximately the same.

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Q. At any time were you suffering from hour Sugar touch beans of a "bosun's chair." A stiff stontly as she gave her testimony. It was blowing and it seemed as seemed that the white and blue waists

"I sent a fitter up to Mrs. Gould, and when she came back the waist was made. Mrs. Gould telephoned me to oon as it was finished. It was delivthe waist was returned. Her maid, or tur some domestic in her place, wrote a note saying the waist wasn't satisfac

Q. You wrote yourself? A. No-that is -my bookkeeper did.

Q. And you spoke to Mrs. Gould her-

confirmed.

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Agnes No!rat, who spoke in a delight ful Parisian ragtime, said she had fitted this morning as she stepped from her Mrs. Gould. It was a little long at one place and had to be taken up Where was that?" asked Mr. Hum-

> woould undairstand eet." "I know something of a lady's anat-omy," said Mr. Hummel gallantly. Will you show me where it was?"

"It was in the back of the waist. MRS. GOULD TESTIFIES.

Mrs. Gould was then called to the She was perfectly composed. She sat easy in her chair, making an agreeable picture. She answered, when t was possible, in monosyllables, until Her voice was modulated low, but was audible throughout the whole room. Q. You are the wife of Mr. Howard

Q. Where do you live? A.

with gold and tailor made, as was the was too loose. It was too tight at the waist. It was tight across the shoulders; of Steel & Wire sold at 46 and 44 simul-

> "And it made you look like what? "I wouldn't like to say," replied Mr.

WAIST DIDN'T FIT.

ten years. She knew Mrs. Howard and as a customer. She had made by three fitters at different times in an endeavor to get the blue waist to suit.

The millionaire's wife was attended which suffered the most reacting below the property of the most reacting below yesterday's close were Missouri Pacific, which touched 593-4; Pennsylvania,

Mr. Frumber." Shouted Lawyer Laski.
"I will show," shouted Lawyer Laski.
"What's headaches got to do with measurements" asked the Justice.
"I want to show that ladles measurements vary with many things."
"And a headache can change the physical measurements" ojaculated Mr. Hummel.
"You wear corsets." asked Laski.
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QUESTION OF LACING.

o you lace the same all the time? with a view to counteracting the action of the company in closing the mills. It was also reported that there was a meeting of the prominent bankers who favored action of some sort against the Gates faction.

The latter is headed by J. W. Gates, one of the prominent officials of the concern. An effort, it was declared, was being made to force Gates out of the company. None of those interested would talk, but the assertion was freely

Q. And you spoke to Mrs. Gould hergelf over the 'phone? A. Well, no; it spoke to some one in the house. The waist was then exhibited. It was a pretty thing, indeed, and as it was held up looked like a faint blue butterify, with flower-like tracings of white and black markings. When Mr. Hummel began to cross-examine he held up the waist and directed his questions so skillfully that Mirabella became very angry.

Mrs. Gould's voice was steady. "Yes, she said.
"How do you know that?" But an objection saved her answering the strength of the crucher, Mrs. Gould's maid. Who had been in the employ of Lady the Australia, was the last witness for the defense. She had been a practical damned the blue waist. The defense then rested Lawyer Larki then called Mirabella became very angry.

Signal of the Councern.

Promising Opening Was Marred by Drop in

Time Steel stocks were feverish and dam at 11 o'clock unmolested. It contaneously at the opening, compared with 45 last night. Subsequently sales were made at 44. Federal Steel, after opening unchanged, ran off a point, and The young man had been as popular Tennessee Coal quickly lost an opening with the Italians formerly as his father

Railroad group were followed later by said.

she was the head fitter, and that Mirabella had no right to send out a garment. The industrial quarter was also inside that the control of the market on the shoulders did not fit and the collar didn't fit and there were plenty of other things which I can't recail."

Mr. Loski then cross-examined Mrs. Gould. "Are you an expert on dresses."

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"No. indeed." When with did not fit in the back? Could you see around there?"

"The train was escorted by a troop of influent men from Squadron A. Early wagon had a trooper at fits horses heads. Along the entire three and a half military and vetteran associations will be conducted with military and vette

Burlington Caundian Pacific Chesaptake 4 0 Chie G. West

Industrials.

Prices of Americans showed some recoveries in the London stock market and the railroad stocks advanced here a detail of twenty men from the Elev at the opening in sympathy. The South- enth Company under a sergeant to clear westerns were conspicuous under the the heights.

Vanderbilt, and D. O. Mills in place of 125 Horace J. Hayden, resigned. Over \$80,000,000 stock was represented.

Peekskill quarry to encamp on the and not a single man of those who went plateau below Troop C. FIRED AT STRIKERS. The first demonstration of the strikers

maining two of the detachments to the

GUNS PROTECT NEW MEN

Instead Paladino, the padrone, sent an assistant with twenty laborers who were of both the padrone and Manager Goldsborough before they would take up their more than the wage for which their countrymen struck would they follow reman McCauley.

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WORK BEGUN AT LAST.

down on the work and remarked that bold and had moved across the river in everything seemed to be going all right. their operations. Many of the workmen were Italians nd came scrambling down the steep ides of the valley. They were stonenasons, hotsters, brakemen and assistints tto the firemen and engineers. All came, but not one of them had struck for wages. All had quit from feer of personal violence at the hands of the men that did go out. They were greeted cordially by Manager Golds-

At the office of the company the ews came up that thirteen of the strikng Italians had come back. A city inpector of construction who has been two on the work for years told The Evening ians brought in was a striker.

In all, 200 men were at work within mile run, and some fear was felt that in hour after the 7 o'clock whistle blew. the strikers might have undermined Major Denike, in alluding to the situa-

"I don't think there will be trouble.

verhanging hills he had Supt. Goldsporough go among the volunteer workmen and give orders that made the

The dummy locomotives puffed back and forth on the switch tracks shunting

to the dam. Five double teams were hitched up in his village stables and driven out to the storehouse, two miles nearer the dam. Here the wag- deputies were discharged late in the ens were loaded and the drivers started out bravely, but after travelling a few hundred yards their fear that the strikers might carry out their threats caused them to stop in the open to wait for the promised escort of cavalry.

A squad of cavairy was sent at once convoy the wagons. Noting the knots of strikers here and

The first train of Canney's wagons ontaining cement and coal, reached the sisted of fifteen wagons. The firs wagon was in charge of the contractor's driving, although warned by his father

not to expose himself to the strikers was unpopular.

TROOPERS ON GUARD.

on at 11 o'clock to send three comon the hill east of Major Dentke's command. Gen. Roe also ordered that two ompanies remain at the Dam, the re-

Directors To-Day-Over 880,-000,000 Represented?

with the following exceptions: William

Senator Depew voted the American

Rockefeller in place of the late Cornellus

wheat, 73 1-2; July, 73 1-4.
Chicago's opening prices were: May wheat, 65; July, 6, 3-8; May corn, 35 1-2; May oats, 23 1-8.
New York's closing prices were: May wheat, 73 3-8 bid; July, 73 1-2 bid; September 73 3-4. May corn, 44 3-4 bid. May oats, 27 3-8.
Chicago closing prices were: May wheat, 66; July, 67 3-8 bid; September, 63 1-8; April, 65 3-4. May corn, 39 1-8.
May oats, 23 1-2 asked.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 18.-The New York Central stockholders to-day re-In Our elected the present Board of Directors

> We are making most attractive offers of excellent values in

hanging and stylishly shaped percaline lined. AFFECTED BY CABLES. Really a \$25 suit.

James O'Brien and two cavalrymen Troop C were guarding the anchorage. A rustling under the bushes startled them and in response to the Corporal's "Halt!" several figures were seen sneak-

ing away. Calling a second time, O'Brien fired and selpers were finally set to work. Some the three men gave chase, but were unof the holsters and masons' helpers able to catch the strikers. Gen. Roe were put at laboring work. From the was much disturbed by the affair, as it office on the hill Major-Gen. Roe looked showed the strikers were getting more their operations.

That Gen. Roe anticipates a stay of several days at least for the troops was shown by a message he sent to the superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company. The General asked that a wire be strung from Cro-

headquarters GUARD OF SOLDIERS.

Up to noon the only real work done at the Dam was the bringing of a trainload of stone from the quarry to the A train of four flat cars and dummy locomotives took a dozen workmen and twenty soldiers under the cut to the quarry about 9 o'clock. Six trestles were crossed in the six-

them. But there was no trouble-Lieut, Mazet, of the Seventh Regi-

ment, head of the late Mazet Investi-The soldiers have too much lead with gating Committee, was officer of the guard at the Croton Dam camp to-day Cavalry are guarding the entire length of the aqueduct between the dams to day. Last night the rumor got out that

> This might be done readily would be an effective way of cutting off the water supply of New York City. The rumor proved false.

BOY HAD REVOLVER.

An Italian boy of about statesh was arrested by a sentry at Camp Molloy erick Canney that he should get his about in the bushes near the outpos ready to cart cement from the line. The lad was searched by the Corporal of the guard and a big loaded re volver was taken from him. All but twenty-five of Sheriff Molloy'

> evening. Gen. Roe is still seeking to discover the assassin who murdered Sergt. Douglass. Under his orders several of the deputy saerlife are quietly working among the striking Italians. The contractors have hired detectives to aid in the hunt for the murderer.
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> Gen. Roe this morning changed the name of the militia camp in Croton Valley from Camp Molloy to Camp Roosevelt.

FUNERAL OF DOUGLASS.

Buried with Military Honors

Arrangements have been made for the uneral of Sergt Robert Douglass, of ment, who was shot while doing guard duty at Cornell Dam on Monday night. The funeral service will be held in the armory Friday afternoon, and the A. F. Tenney, rector of Christ Episcopal Church at Pelnam Manor, and coat silk lined, skirt percaline lined; who is chaplain of the Mount Vernon company, will officiate. The funeral will a fe'to suits stik lined throughout,

Interest in the strike at Croton Dam . 'nternational. Baron Fava, the Italian Ambassador

at Washington, has been instructed by his home Government to hear any complaints his countrymen here may offer and to assist the American authorities and to assist the American authorities in preserving order.

The cablegram containing the above information adds that the Matquis Visconti Venosta, Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs regrets the trouble, but is confident the New York S ate authorities will handle the affair judiciously.

Ladies' Department

Ladies' Suits-among them a

black silk taffeta. Skirt perfect

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fully worth \$14.00;

price this \$9.50

Finely polished Oak Extension Table, has 5 heavy

legs, easy patent slides, regular price

\$9.00: \$4.99



Handsome Tufted Couches, well upholetered, worth \$7.49



50c. weekly on \$25 worth

Oak Dresser,

mental carved

Brothers.

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Grey Homespun and Coperi Coth, Eton and tight-fitting styles,

value \$18.00 to \$25.00 LADIES' COATS.

double-breasted Eton Coats, silk lined, all sizes,

300 dark grey Covert Cloth

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LADIES' SKIRTS. 200 imported best Black Cheviot and Broadcoth Skirts, lined with first quality taffeta stik,

1,000 grey Homespun, Fancy Mixtures and Cheviot Skir's, percaline lined, ve veteen binding,

value \$7.00 to \$10.00

West Twenty-third St

Help Wanted--Fernasa. LADY canvassers wanted at once in New York and Brook

Lost, Found and Rewards

LOST On Tuesdey, April 17, between Desbre street ferry and Stroadway, a package of glo Pinder will be suitably rewarded by resur-package to Mahne & Co., Newark, N. J.

If your fish pond is the public and you want to catch its ere. Bait your line with a World Want ad. you'll land it high and dry.

Le Boutillier Lord & Taylor, Grand Street Store.

> Thursday Bargain Day. Great Sale of Silk Remnants.

Silks; in lengths from 2 to 12 yards; will be sold to-morrow at the ridiculously low figure of 19c. yd. Come early if you want a good bar-

No goods sent C. O. D. or mail orders

2,700 Yards of Plain and Fancy

Handkerchiefs. Gentlemen's Pure Linen Hem-stitched Handkerchiefs; ½ and 1

inch hame; also 1-inch hem, with pretty initial: 12 1/2 C. Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs: slightly soiled; some have sold as high as 19c. each; special,

Rug & Matting Sale. Smyrna Rugs; the best grade; designs and colors are new and of excellent furnishing merit; 18x36 in. 75c. 4x7 ft.\$4.49 26x54 in.\$1.55 6x9 ft. 8.45

oc. each.

30x64 in. 1.79 7 x10 ft. 14.65 36x72 in. 2.69 gx12 ft. 16.95 All-Wool Art Squares; extra fine quality: a superior selection at ex-ceptionally low prices; 6x9 ft.\$3 60 gx to ft.\$6.30

72x9 ft. 4.50 9x12 ft. 7.20 9x9ft. 5.40 9x15 ft. 9.25 value \$18.00 and \$20.00 Carpet Rugs; in Brussels, Axminster and Volvet; a large choice of patterns in useful sizes at

> about 1/2 usual price. New Japanese and China Mattings: fancy designs in Green, Red, Brown and Blue colors; prices range from \$4.75 to \$11.75 the roll of 40 yards. Special Patrol Shoes; es-

pecially designed for men requiring shoes for rough wear. Policemen, Fire-men, Motormen, Letter-Carriere, and others who are out of weather, are built for service. They are made from selected calf skins and are calf

lined, with beavy, durable soles, and of the most approved shapes to insure 3.00; (equal to any \$4.00 shoe).

A Handsome Souvenir Free to every purchaser of \$1.00 or more between ! A. M. and 3 P. M. Thursday. Cor. Grand and Chrystie Sts.

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WHAT IS A MODEL?

"Don't you know what a model is?" she asked sharply. "It is a form made to the buckram so as to show how the law or buckram so as to show how the case and reserved his decision. proxies and George S. Bowdoin the proxies and George ...

125,00,000 London proxies.

The present West Shore directors were also re-elected with but two changes, viz.: Hamilton McK. Twombly to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Cornellus Vanderbilt, and Robert Bacon to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles H. Coster.

The same Board of Directors was relected for the Mohawk and Malone Rullroad Company, a branch of the New York Central, with but one change—Hamilton McK. Twombly to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Cornelius Vanderbilt. Black Cheviot Suit. lyn on a new article for ladies; salary. Call between 9 & 11, 43 Leonard st., New York, room 103, Miss Barrett. Which we shall place on sale Billingly give an amount exceeding that suit is nothing, and I am simply combarting to how winess to simply answer questions. But she couldn't bring herself to co so, and finally Mr. Hummel, in despair, said that he would be compelled to cross-examine her lawyer instead. Justice Steiner sterniy admonished Mirabella again, and she once again went feed the assignment of the claim and should have taken the same ground after the proceedings were over. "Is being taken for what is vulgarly known as an 'easy mark' by tradespeople who work is being taken for what is vulgarly known as an 'easy mark' by tradespeople who work is being taken for what is vulgarly known as an 'easy mark' by tradespeople who work is being taken for what is vulgarly known as an 'easy mark' by tradespeople who work is being taken for what is vulgarly known as an 'easy mark' by tradespeople who work is being taken for what is vulgarly known as an 'easy mark' by tradespeople who work is being taken for what is vulgarly known as an 'easy mark' by tradespeople who work is being taken for what is vulgarly known as an 'easy mark' by tradespeople who work is being taken for what is vulgarly known as an 'easy mark' by tradespeople who was an 'easy mark' by tradespeople who what is vulgarly known as an 'easy mark' by tradespeople who was an 'easy mark' by tradespeople who what is vulgarly known as an 'easy mark' by tradespeople who was an 'e OBJECTS TO IMPOSITION. Thursday morning, April 19th, \$15.00. Jacket is silk-lined high collar-wide revers—all stitched on

WHEAT WAS DULL.